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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas David Starkey
Serial No: 10/619,985
Filed: June 15, 2003
For: A Device And Method To Limit Filling Of The Heart
Group Art Unit: 3738
Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow
Attorney's Docket No: N9464-ICW
Customer No: 23456

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant is filing this Response to Office Action for the above-captioned application as a reply to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004.

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2004, Applicant submits the following:

- I. The status of the claims is set forth in Section 1 beginning on Page 2 of this response;
- II. The current status of the claims, with additions being underlined and deletions being bracketed, begins on Page 3; and
- III. The arguments in response to the rejections made by the Examiner are set forth beginning on Page 8.